

uses are known it will become quite a fruit in this section of the country. We preserved some this season by boiling in sugar water. To prepare for preserving dry out and reboil, dry and reboil, and then dry. After drying, they were placed in a form and pressed into a package resembling dates. They are as good to eat as cured dates.

INVENTORY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED.

Owing to the war demands upon the government printing funds, it has been necessary to suspend temporarily the publication of the inventories of seeds and plants, which under normal conditions should appear every three months. There are now prepared several of these inventories which have been ready for the printer for many months.

While it is out of the question to publish these inventories in Plant Immigrants, it does seem advisable to reproduce here the brief Introductory Statements to these inventories which direct attention to the more important introductions. One of these statements will appear in each issue of Plant Immigrants.

Introductory Statement to Inventory No. 46, covering the period from January 1st to March 31st, 1915.

This Forty-sixth Inventory of Seeds and Plants shows the effects of the great war which has narrowed down the avenues of shipping and closed up countries from which many valuable plants were being secured through correspondence. It has delayed shipments to such an extent that it has not been practicable, in many instances, to arrange for the shipping from far interior points in India and China of anything more perishable than seeds. Furthermore, during the period covered by this inventory, no official agricultural explorer was in the field so that the descriptions are all of material sent in by correspondents or collaborators.

The most interesting of the introductions, judged before they are tested, appear to be the following;

Thirty-five selected varieties of wheat (Nos. 42102 to 42136), the result of much work of selection and acclimatization by the plant breeders of Victoria, some of them being of late foreign introduction into Australia while others are selections from types of old Australian wheats. These were supplied by Mr. A.